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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION IN ORDNANCE FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Ordnance factories are lagging behind their production schedule;

(b) if so, the details of such factories alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 408 FOR ANSWER ON 24.8.2006

During 2006-2007 Indian Ordnance Factories have manufactured products worth Rs. 2090.16 crore till July 2006, compared to value of products worth Rs. 1994.20 crore and Rs. 1255.62 crore manufactured during the same period (April to July) in 2005-2006 and 2004-2005 respectively. However, value of production in following Ordnance Factories, during current year is marginally lower than that of last year.

Sl.No	Factory	2005-2006 Achievement Upto July 2005 (Rs.in Crores)	2006-2007 Achievement Upto July 2006 (Rs.in Crores)	Remarks
1.	Ordnance Factory, Katni	27.81	24.47	Less workload of brass cups
2.	Metal & Steel Factory, Ishapore	51.84	38.44	Reduced target of BMP II Cartridge case and plant break down.
3.	Rifle Factory,Ishapore	70.21	60.44	Input man-hours reduced by reduction in overtime.
4.	Ordnance Factory, Dum Dum	22.18	15.75	Change in product mix and new item is under development
5.	Grey Iron Foundry, Jabalpur	13.65	6.31	Less workload of vehicle castings
6.	Ordnance Factory, Varangaon	75.54	58.89	Less demand of 7.62mm ammunition
7	Heavy Vehicle Factory, Avadi	256.29	216.70	Non availability of armour steel plates
8.	Ordnance Factory, Medak	69.56	30.50	Less workload due to phasing out of BMP II and non availability of armour steel plates
9.	Ordnance Equipment Factory, Kanpur	81.43	64.57	Non availability of inputs and change in specification of some inputs.

In order to increase production in Ordnance Factories, following corrective steps are being taken by the government:-

(i)Efforts to develop new products.

(ii)Judicious deployment of manpower.

(iii)Expediting procurement of input material.

(iv)Regular interaction with User and design agencies to resolve production bottlenecks.